

Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful consideration of this application.

Reconsideration of this application is now respectfully requested in view of the amendments above and the following remarks.

To recap, Claims 1-51 are now pending in the application, Claim 52 having been cancelled, with Claims 1, 29, 46, 47, and 51 being the independent claims. Claims 17 and 46-51 have been amended.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of Claims 1-16 and 20-45.

In the Office Action, at Pages 2-3, Claims 17-19, 46, 51, and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended Claims 17, 46, and 51 to address the concerns stated in this rejection, while canceling Claim 52, thus rendering moot its rejection. In particular, Claim 17 has been amended to eliminate the phrase, "can be;" and Claims 46 and 51 have been amended to be in independent form.

At pages 3-4, the Office Action also rejects Claims 47-50 and 52 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. While Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office Action's assertions, Applicant has cancelled Claim 52, thus rendering moot its rejection, and has amended Claim 47 to recite a "computer-readable *storage* medium," as suggested by the Office Action. Claims 47-50 have also been amended to slightly modify the claim preambles without affecting the substance of the claimed subject matter.

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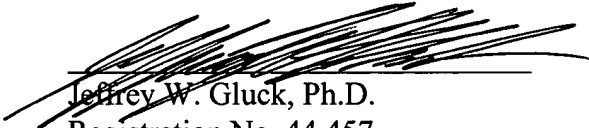
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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